were carried out by S.C. Railway in 1988. The cost of Vikarabad-Krishna (148 km) was then assessed at Rs. 86.31 cr. with a negative rate of return. Similarly the cost of Raichur-Macherla (293 km) new BG line was then assessed at Rs. 191.10 cr. with a rate of return of 1.5%. A survey for extending the proposed line from Raichur to Gadag has been ordered. Further action will be decided after survey is completed.

(c) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Safai Karamcharis

*476. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of the safai karamcharis sanitation on railway stations and railway compartments has deteriorated considerably;

(b) whether there has been a ban on recruitment of safai karamcharis since July, 1981; and

(c) whether the Government propose to bring about improvement in the sanitation system by making fresh recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil refinery in Orissa

*477. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual demand and supply of petrol and diesel in Orissa as on March 31, 1991 and July 31, 1991 and the details of the steps taken / proposed to be taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply;

(b) whether any oil company has submitted in the past a project report to the Government for setting up of an oil refinery in the State; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 53957 MT petrol and 425758 MT diesel was supplied during 1990-91. 20116 MT petrol and 151071 MT diesel was supplied during April-July, 1991. The entire demand at retail outlets is being fully met.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under the consideration of Government.

[Translation]

Restoration of train services running from Samastipur

*479. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 16, 1991 to the Unstarred Question No. 208 regarding restoration of train services running from Samastipur and state the date from which these five pairs of trains had been running and the time by which these trains are likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): The dates of introduction of the five pairs of trains are given below:

1. 331 / 332 Samastipur-Nirmali Passenger initially introduced between Darbhanga-Nirmali w.e.f. 1.4.1958 and extended upto Samastipur w.e.f. 1.10.1958.

2. 459 / 460 Samastipur-Darbhanga Passenger introduced w.e.f. 1.5.1985.

3. 425 / 426 Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj Passenger initially introduced between Darbhanga-Raxaul w.e.f. 1.10.1984 and extended upto Narkatiaganj w.e.f. 1.5.1985.

4. 327 / 328 Darbhanga-Jaynagar Passenger initially introduced between Mahendrughat-Jaynagar w.e.f. 1.5.1958 and curtailed on Mahendrughat-Darbhanga section w.e.f. 2.5.1959.

5. 321 / 322 Darbhanga-Jaynagar Passenger initially introduced between Madhubani-Jaynagar w.e.f. 1.4.1983 and extened upto Darbhanga w.e.f. 1.10.1986.

At present there is no proposal to restore these trains.